

Today's
Advertisements.VICTORIA CHAPTER,
No. 525, E.C.

AN EMERGENCY CONVOCAION of the VICTORIA CHAPTER will be held at the FREEMASONS' HALL, TO-NIGHT, the 25th instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Companions are cordially invited to attend. Hongkong, 26th September, 1898. [1133]

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES.
MESSRS. HUGHES & HOUGH have received instructions from the Mortgagees to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION,

ON WEDNESDAY, the 12th day of October, 1898, at their Office, Praya Central, Victoria Hongkong.

ALL THAT Valuable Leasehold property situate at Kowloon Point in the Dependency of Kowloon and Colony of Hongkong and registered in the Land Office as THE REMAINING PORTION OF KOWLOON INLAND LOT No. 406 and the REMAINING PORTION OF KOWLOON INLAND LOT No. 407.

The properties are held for the respective residues of the terms of 25 and 75 years created by the respective Crown Leases thereof at the Crown Rent for the whole of Kowloon Island Lot No. 406 of \$52, of which the sum of \$54.40 is the appraised amount payable in respect of Section 4, and for the whole of Kowloon Island Lot No. 407 of \$108, of which the sum of \$102.80 is the appraised amount payable in respect of Section 4.

Further particulars and conditions of sale may be obtained of Messrs. DEACON & HASTINGS, Messrs. Solicitors, 35, Queen's Road, Hongkong, and the Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 26th September, 1898. [1152]

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship

"KINTUCK,"
Commander C. de la Roche, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 27th instant, at 8 A.M.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co., Agents, Hongkong, 26th September, 1898. [1154]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship

"TAIWAN,"
Captain Hester, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 27th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents, Hongkong, 26th September, 1898. [1152]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.

THE Company's Steamship

"SUNGER ANG,"
For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents, Hongkong, 26th September, 1898. [1158]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

(Taking through Cargo for WESTERN AUSTRALIAN PORTS).

THE Company's Steamship

"IXION,"
Captain Nibb, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 28th instant, at 10 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents, Hongkong, 26th September, 1898. [1166]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR TAIWANFOO.

THE Company's Steamship

"PAKHUI,"
Captain Stott, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 28th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents, Hongkong, 26th September, 1898. [1137]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SANDAKAN.

THE Company's Steamship

"DEUCALION,"
Captain Branch, will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 19th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents, Hongkong, 26th September, 1898. [1115]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Company's Steamship

"CHELYDRA,"
Captain J. T. Davies, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 1st October, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers, Hongkong, 26th September, 1898. [1149]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.

THE Company's Steamship

"NANCHANG,"
Captain Finlayson, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 4th October, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents, Hongkong, 26th September, 1898. [1161]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"ANTENOR,"
Captain Jackson, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 8th October.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents, Hongkong, 26th September, 1898. [1153]

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LETTERS PATENT.

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE No. 2 OF 1892 AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF THE PETROLITE FUEL SYNDICATE, LIMITED, OF NO. 47, MOOREHEAD STREET, IN THE CITY OF LONDON, ENGLAND, ASSIGNEES OF AN INVENTOR FOR LETTERS PATENT FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE WITHIN THE COLONY OF HONGKONG OF AN INVENTION FOR "IMPROVEMENTS IN THE MANUFACTURE OF BRIQUETTES" OR BLOCKS OF FUEL FROM WASTE "PRODUCT" OR OTHERWISE ENRICHED BY "PETROLEUM COMPOUNDS."

NOTICE is hereby given that the Petition, Specification and Declaration required herein by Ordinance No. 2 of 1892 have been duly filed in the Office of the Colonial Secretary of Hongkong, and that it is the intention of the said PETROLITE FUEL SYNDICATE, LIMITED, by Messrs. JOHNSTON, STOKES & MASTER, R. of Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, Solicitors, their duly authorized Agents to apply to the Executive Council hereinafter mentioned for LETTERS PATENT for the Exclusive use within the said Colony of Hongkong of the above-named Invention.

And Notice is hereby also given that a Sitting of the Executive Council before whom the Matter of the PETITION will come for decision will be held in the Council Chamber of the GOVERNMENT OFFICE, Victoria, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 5th day of October, 1898, at 9.45 of the clock in the Forenoon.

JOHNSTON, STOKES & MASTER, Solicitors and Agents, for the said PETROLITE FUEL SYNDICATE, LD. Hongkong, 26th September, 1898. [1155]

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JOHNSTON, STOKES & MASTER, Solicitors and Agents, for the said PETROLITE FUEL SYNDICATE, LD. Hongkong, 26th September, 1898. [1156]

CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION.

No. 85.
H. M. HILLIER, Commissioner of Customs for Kowloon and District.

NOTICE is hereby given that FRIDAY, the 10th instant, (15th day of 8th moon) being the CHINESE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL, will be observed as a Holiday at the KOWLOON CUSTOMS OFFICE, ORION EXAMINATION OFFICE and STATION.

All examination of cargo and clearance of junk will be suspended on that date.

H. M. HILLIER, Commissioner of Customs for Kowloon and District.

Custom House, Kowloon, 26th September, 1898. [1158]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"CHELYDRA,"
having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after WEDNESDAY, the 28th instant, at 4 P.M. will be loaded at Consignees' risk and expense into Godowns at East Point.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 26th September, 1898. [1150]

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL, &c.

THE Company's Steamship

"KINTUCK,"
having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Office of the Undersigned before Noon on the 3rd October or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on MONDAY, the 3rd October at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 3rd October will be subject to rent.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon TO-DAY.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 26th September, 1898. [1151]

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CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SEVENTEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Undersigned at 12 o'clock (NOON), on WEDNESDAY the 19th proximo.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 5th to the 19th proximo, both days inclusive.

General Agents.
CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE LIMITED
Hongkong 26th September, 1898. [1157]

CANTON DISTRICT.

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 56.

AMENDED.

NOTICE is hereby given that a Black Conical buoy 7 1/2 feet in diameter, showing a Green light on its top, having been placed on the N. W. edge of the Junk Rock in 22 feet of water, the said buoy is situated in the Blenheim passage, Back Reach Canton.

CAUTION—Vessels from seaward pass this buoy on the Port hand and on no account pass between the buoy and the village.

A. HOLZ, Harbour Master.

Approved, E. B. DREW, Commissioner. Canton, 22nd September, 1898. [1160]

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Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [130]

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Head Office:—TOKIO.

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Agents:—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, Ltd., 65, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, 1st December, 1898. [145]

Intimation.



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During the Summer Months, all AERATED WATERS should be kept in a cool place, preferably in an ICE CHEST or REFRIGERATOR, until required for use. The Bottles should be stored with the necks downward so that the corks are covered by the water. This will prevent an escape of gas taking place and rendering the waters more or less flat.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD. THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841. Hongkong, 26th September, 1898. [7]

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1898.

TELEGRAMS.

THE CRISIS IN CHINA.

THE EMPEROR NOT DEAD!

RUSSIAN SCHEMES.

TIENTSIN, September 23rd. 10.23 a.m.

It is a fact that the Empress Dowager has been appointed Regent. The Emperor is seriously ill. Recent events are attributed to a deep scheme on the part of Russia.

[This message appears to have been much delayed in transmission.—Ed., H.K.T.]

CAPTURE OF THE REPUTED REGICIDE.

THE BRITISH INTERVENE.

SHANGHAI, September 24th. 6.11 p.m.

Kung-yu-wei, the leader of the Reform Party charged with administering poison to the Emperor of China, has arrived in Shanghai by the steamer *Chungking*.

The British Consul objected to his arrest by Chinese Officials and he has been taken on board H.M.S. *Edith*.

REUTERS'S MESSAGES.

CHINA—RESIGNATION OF THE EMPEROR OF CHINA, &c.

LONDON, September 23rd.

A Peking edict definitely announces that the Emperor of China has resigned power to the Dowager Empress.

It is rumored in Shanghai that the Emperor is dead.

The gates of Peking are closed.

The *Times* Peking correspondent states that an edict announces that the Emperor and all high Ministers will *hou-tow* to the Empress on Friday.

SOUTH AMERICAN REPUBLIC WAR PROBABLE.

The Argentine Republic and Chili are on the brink of war over a boundary question and both are mobilizing their forces.

THE LATE SIR GEORGE GREY.

The Queen has sanctioned a semi-public funeral to the late Sir George Grey at St. Paul's Cathedral.

LORD CHARLES BERESFORD.

We understand that Lord Charles Beresford is unable to accept the invitation of the China Association for Saturday next, as he is proceeding in the *Paranalla* and will go direct to Peking. He will have much pleasure in accepting the association's invite on his return, however.

We believe that the invitation to a banquet by the Hongkong Branch of the Navy League has been accepted provided that it can be held upon the evening of Lord

Charles' arrival in the Colony but this may probably be inconvenient. He will most likely be invited to attend a public meeting during his few hours' stay in the Colony as appears to have been done, according to our morning contemporary, in Singapore.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Observatory report to-day says:—On the 25th at 11.50 a.m. The barometer has risen on the E. coast of China, and remains steady in the South. Pressure is highest over China with slight to moderate gradients for N.E. winds on the coast. FORECAST:—Light to moderate N.E. winds; fair.

On the 26th at 11.45 a.m.: The barometer remains steady in the North, and is inclined to fall in the South. Pressure continues slightly above the normal on the China coast with slight gradients for N.E. winds. FORECAST:—Light to moderate N.E. winds; mostly fair, but some showers.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The U.S. transport *City of Rio de Janeiro* arrived from Manila yesterday.

For assaulting an employee at a coffee house a man was fined \$15 or 6 weeks' hard labour.

SATURDAY'S *Gazette* contains a voluminous report of the Principal Civil Medical Officer for 1897.

The latest report cricket match, (Hongkong-Shanghai) will be commenced at the Model Settlement to-morrow.

Dr. J. BELL has been appointed Acting Principal Civil Medical Officer during the absence of Dr. J. M. Atkinson.

For being drunk and disorderly at the Sailors' Home a scaman named William Herve was today fined \$10 or one month.

A BROTHEL keeper was today fined \$15 or in default six weeks for keeping a disorderly house. She paid the fine in order to prevent going "up" for six weeks.

The increase of 100 per cent. on salaries of the Imperial Maritime Customs only applies to Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners, and members of the Indoor Staff.

THE Lee Ching will ease was before the full court to-day and the principal witness, Lee Ching was examined at length. The case was adjourned till to-morrow morning.

SPORT & GOLF says that the Shanghai Gun Club hopes to arrange a pigeon shooting match. Five men to be chosen from the Hongkong XI to meet five members of the local club.

FOR stealing earnings from a woman's ears a thief of 19 years, was today sentenced to four months' hard labour, and also to twelve strokes of the birch on admission and eighteen strokes before dismissal.

THE appointment of Chief Inspector Mackle to be Acting Deputy Superintendent of Police, Assistant Superintendent of the 1st and 2nd Assistant Superintendents of the Fire Brigade, is announced in the *Gazette*.

AT Quarry Bay, at 4 a.m. a fish cut his throat and died a short time after. He used a 10 in. blade and severed both jugular veins. The man was 47 years of age and there is no reason to show why he had taken his life. An inquest will be held.

THE first of a series of monthly concerts to aid of the funds of the Kowloon Institute will be given in that building on Wednesday next commencing at 9 p.m. An excellent programme has been provided and we trust that the benefits to the Institute fund will be ample.

WE hear that the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company is undertaking to raise four of the sunken Spanish cruisers in Manila Bay. Mr. Jack, one of the Company's Engineers who recently went to report on the ships has returned and it appears that the Company is to receive a good round sum for the raising of the ships. Experienced men and the necessary appliances will be sent in a few days.

MESSRS. SCOTT and Co. launched at Greenock on July 21st the steel screw steamer *Shanku* for the China Navigation Company, Limited. The dimensions of the new vessel are:—Length, 275 ft.; breadth, 36 ft.; and depth moulded, 22 ft. 6 in.; of 22

AUSTRALIAN NEWS LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SYDNEY, September 24.

After a spell of mild weather, windy, showery and sunny, a regular inland rain storm set in two days ago and for a time extended over the greater part of the colony. The farmers declare it the best rain since February last. Up on the Hawkesbury river and in the Northern districts floods were feared. In some places the rainfall for 24 hours amounted to 7 in. The country wanted rain badly for the grass and wheat crops and the farmers' spirits have risen again. Shipping on the coast has had a bad day and several casualties are reported, from the South Sea Islands right up to Sydney. South and West Australia have also had good rainfalls.

In the heavy weather the schooner ship *Harward*, at Macquarie near Baiton, suffered severely. She was well in the contractors' hands when the gale came in, with a high tide and there is now little hope of getting her afloat.

A sad case of suicide took place at St. Vincent's Hospital a few days ago when Henry Hodge Lamb, a lieutenant in the 5th Dragon Guards (Princess Charlotte of Wales' guards) committed suicide by shooting himself. At the inquest the evidence showed that the young officer had left the service on sick leave, having contracted malaria fever while in India, and had been staying for a time at the Union Club. He was subsequently again indisposed from the effects of the malaria, and about a fortnight ago entered St. Vincent's Hospital as a private patient. On several occasions his despondent condition, consequent upon the fever, alarmed his attendants, and a careful watch was kept over his movements. Unfortunately, he managed to get hold of a revolver which had been in his possession, and during the absence of his nurse shot himself in the head and died a few hours later. Deceased was 31 years of age. The jury returned a verdict of suicide.

The Australian frozen meat trade has received a good impetus lately owing to the Spanish-American war. Two large cool chamber ships have been dispatched to Manila with supplies for the U.S. troops. The last steamer, the *Duke of Sutherland*, left Brisbane a few days ago with 953 tons of frozen meat, 400 cases of preserved meat, 500 tons potatoes, flour and other food stuff.

The re-arranged epidemic, mentioned in my last, is being even. The Health Board is taking all steps to stop the disease and pointing out that infection may be communicated for a full month after the disease has made its first appearance, and that infection becomes active from the date of the warning sign, and continues for a full month or until the peeling of the skin and the affection of the lungs have ceased entirely. In the case of children, serious consequences may result from an early exposure, to say nothing of the risk of infecting others.

Our Harbour is daily becoming more crowded with vessels and is particularly the case of Circular Quay where the majority of the ferry boats are constantly plying to and fro and where the big ocean liners moor. Last Saturday the water here was fearfully crowded and the incoming and outgoing boats kept up a perfect din of tooting on their whistles and a six thousand ton liner had to make her way through the densest forest of sailings. No accidents occurred but it was an exciting time for some of the passengers caused by this sort of thing.

Mr. J. A. Hodge, late editor of the *Evening News*, has received the nomination for Minister of Labour and Education and he has earned it. Mr. H. came to Sydney as a journeyman carpenter and by sheer dint of steady hard work and perseverance he reached the editorial, where he acquitted himself with credit. He is a plain, unassuming man and was very popular amongst his colleagues and the *News* staff, who unite in congratulating him on his elevation.

I am glad to say that our crop bids fair to be a "whopper" and already one vessel has left with 9,076 sacks for South Africa. There is some talk of the wheat growers going in for the co-operative in their sales, as has been done with good results in South Australia.

A shocking tragedy took place on the 30th ult. in George Street, when a French tobaccoist named Liron in a fit of mad frenzy nearly killed a man with a hammer, and his sister-in-law dead, put a bullet through his wife's hand, and nearly killed his two little boys. There is no reason for the crime and the man appears to have been demented.

We are not alone with the Federation business yet. Mr. Reid (Premier) brought on a bill of resolutions in the Assembly last night and after a long and tedious debate they are to be again discussed next week.

Mr. Reid moved that the House affirm—
1. Its desire that steps should be taken, without delay in conjunction with the other colonies, to bring about the completion of Federal union.
2. Its desire that the other colonies should agree to reconsider those provisions of the bill generally objected to in New South Wales, namely—

(a) Representation in the Senate—concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other colonies, that if equal representation be insisted upon, the provision for a three-fifths majority at a joint sitting of both Houses should be removed, and that a simple majority should decide, or that the provision for a joint sitting be replaced by a provision for a national referendum.
(b) The 5th clause, known as the Bradburn clause—concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other colonies, that this clause should be removed from the bill.

(c) The capital of the Commonwealth—concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other colonies, that clause 124 should be amended, and provision made in the bill for the establishment of the Federal capital in such place within the boundaries of New South Wales as the Federal Parliament may determine.
(d) The Boundaries of States—concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other colonies, that better provision should be made against the alteration of the boundaries of a State without its own consent—namely, by the protection afforded by clause 127, as to the representation of States.

(e) Inland Rivers—concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other colonies, that the use of inland rivers for purposes of water conservation and irrigation should be more clearly safeguarded.
(f) Money Bills—concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other colonies, that there should be a uniform practice in respect to such bills, namely, that provided in the case of Tasmanian bills, and bills for the ordinary annual services of the Commonwealth.

(g) Judicial Appeals from States—

concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other colonies, that the mode of appeal from the Supreme Courts of the States should be made uniform—namely, the appeal should either be to the Privy Council or to the High Court, but not as at present, indiscriminately to either.
(h) Although prepared, for the sake of union, not to be placed in other respects upon a fair and just footing—to accept the financial system embodied in the bill, with the one exception mentioned, this House earnestly invites further inquiry into and a more thorough consideration of the financial clauses, regarding as evils to be avoided if possible excesses of taxation, a prolonged system of bookkeeping, uncertainty as to the amount of the surplus to be divided, and uncertainty as to the method of distributing it among the States.
It is probable that a Parliamentary convention on these resolutions will be held in Brisbane.

A divorce case as a rule is not the most amusing of things, but a case before the court last week certainly justified the smiles seen all round. A nice looking young woman had obtained a rule nisi against her husband on account of his desertion of her. She displayed some concern when his Honor was fixing the time for making the rule absolute. His Honor's curiosity being excited, he asked her if it was her intention to get married again, and she admitted the fact. "So you are engaged to be married again before you are divorced?" he asked. The young woman then replied that she was not engaged. His Honor proposed to make the rule returnable in three months, petitioner stating that she would like to have the whole matter finally settled as soon as possible. His Honor told her that it would be a rather awkward if her husband in the meantime came back and upset the whole thing. Petitioner did not seem much alarmed at this prospect, and said that she would have a "better chance" if the rule were made returnable soon, an observation which created amusement in court. His Honor said he could not make it returnable in less than three months under the circumstances, and thought it wise to remind the petitioner that she could not get married till the rule was made absolute. She replied that she knew that, drawing the rejoinder from the Bench that parties began to know the law as well as the legal session did.

It seems strange that in a colony like this with its many enormous dairies that margarine should be so in place of the real butter. However, a shopman in the city sold for butter to a Health Officer a pound of stuff that analysis proved to be a preparation of animal fat, known as margarine or butterine. The Officer gave 6d for it. Several tons of this, it was stated, were made in Sydney weekly. Defendant said it was made at Leichhardt, and that several restaurants had been buying it since butter had got dear. The proprietor of the shop, denied that, apart from what was sold to restaurants, he did not sell 6d a week. The magistrate imposed a fine of £4, with 5s. 6d. costs.

Burglaries are again rife and nearly every night several cases are reported. The inadequacy of the police force in the suburbs is notorious and the authorities are strongly urged to take the matter up vigorously.

Many cases of assault on the police are daily before the Courts and it seems that the cat could very advantageously be used on those cowardly ruffians who take a delight inumping on a policeman's head and kicking him in the ribs. Scoundrel it is in the history of the Newcastle coal trade that an opportunity comes to tell of an absolutely full fortnight's work at all the principal collieries of the district, but such a state of affairs did prevail during the two weeks ended with Saturday last, the whole of the nineteen large pits having been in operation for eleven days each without a break during that period. The output of coal for the fortnight was probably the largest for many years, it not for all time, although it was not so great as the output by the collieries at the Custom-house. That seeming anomaly may be accounted for by the fact that the berths at the cranes were nearly all occupied. During the last couple of days of the week, by large foreign and inter-colonial steamers, which had not completed loading when the return was made up. The fortnight which has been entered upon to-day promises to be quite as busy as its predecessor.

A few days ago Dr. Gwynne Hughes was called to attend the Chinese wife of a Chinaman in a Bowditch road for accouchement, and he formed the opinion that the woman was suffering from leprosy. Dr. Hodgson was called in, in consultation, and examination by both doctors resulted in a diagnosis of leprosy. The police were entrusted with a certificate, to the Board of Health, which stated that the doctors were of opinion that the woman, who had given birth to a female child during the morning, was suffering from leprosy. They thought it would be wrong to remove the woman from her place, and so they waited a few days, and then the Leprosy Act allowed the building to be declared a leprosy house. The certificate added that the woman's husband was willing to return her to China at his own expense immediately she is fit to travel. Neither the woman's husband, the newly born baby, nor the other children show the slightest sign of leprosy.

Here's an old game being played over again. On the 17th ult. the Government Printing Office, Melbourne, was broken into, the object being apparently to gain access to the police examination papers. There was nothing missing from the office, but several of last year's papers had been shifted. The test for promotion was to be made next day and at the time the attempt was made the examination papers had not been printed, but the type was set. There are no indications that an impression had been taken from it. None of the officials in the printing office or the Police Department own to any knowledge of the identity of the culprit. The case being before the office closed on Saturday, till Monday morning was worked by five different constables. Fresh papers have been prepared.

RUSSIAN PREPARATIONS.

The Sebastopol correspondent of the *Daily Graphic* supplies information regarding the preparations that Russia is carrying out in her Black Sea coast. The pending transference of the chief naval port from Sebastopol to Nicolaieff is entirely due to a realization that the former harbour, in the event of war with Great Britain, would be untenable. The passage of the Dardanelles could be easily forced by such an armada as the commander-in-chief in the Mediterranean would have at his disposal under the threat of a bombardment of Constantinople. In case the forts opened fire. Once he was inside the Black Sea the Russian fleet would be doomed either to destruction or surrender, unless they could reach a haven out of range of the heavy guns. Sebastopol offers no such protection, but Nicolaieff does. At present, the bar at Nicolaieff gives only 20 feet; the larger ships built at Nicolaieff have accordingly to be launched in an unfinished condition and sent to Sebastopol for completion. Until that bar and the forty mile channel has been dredged to a depth of twenty feet, the harbour of Nicolaieff will be of no use to the Russian battleships. Russian coast defences are everywhere as yet in a state of uncertainty, and we are asked to believe that the moral is obvious.

JOHORE EN FETE.

THE SULTAN'S BIRTHDAY.

SINGAPORE, September 19th.

For two long days, commencing at an early hour on Saturday, new Johore has been *en fete*. Rarely, if ever, has the place itself appeared so gay, and very seldom indeed have its people more fully entered into the spirit and shared the outcome of any celebration. The occasion was the keeping of the Sultan's twenty-sixth birthday. The completion of twenty-five years of life is usually accepted as the attainment of a social goal, and the starting-off point for a new and important stage in a man's development. It was in this double sense that the Sultan of Johore kept the auspicious anniversary in the midst of his subjects and his friends. There was a largely attended levee at the Palace at 7.30 a.m. on Saturday, a dress parade in the afternoon, and a banquet at night. There were the official functions, so to say; the popular doling was spread over a great deal of time and space. The sports towards evening, especially the four-mile bicycle race, for which the Sultan had presented one or two new machines, attracted a large concourse of spectators.

All the streets were lined with poles and flags. Venetian-mast fashion, with strings of large varicoloured lanterns in between. These marked the long Palace frontages and approached; they edged all the parade and the roadways perpendicular thereto; they reappeared on the high knoll where the Commandant keeps watch; and they outlined the armed launches and smaller craft of the navy of Johore, which were moored in the Straits. Many of the principal buildings had schemes of illumination of their own. The Rest House was conspicuously well got up, and the Club front elevation was ablaze with Bengal lights. The effect after dark descended, and before any of the candles began to splutter out, was really very fine; there was no wind to disturb the myriad twinkling flames, and there were no stars to pits their combined brilliancy.

Visitors continued to arrive steadily, including some twenty or more well-known Singapore residents. For nearly all the European guests, accommodation had been provided at the Palace; but many of the more distant residents, friends, or at one or other of the establishments open to them. The last comers were, however, ready to time. The Sultan's insistence upon punctuality is beginning to make itself felt. By 7.45 the expected guests were mostly gathered in the baroque reception-room of the Palace, and the Sultan was moving from group to group chatting easily with those already known to him and affably welcoming those newly presented. The full dress of his Ministers and the uniforms of his officers added very much to the brilliancy of the scene. At eight o'clock, His Highness led the way to the dining-room, and in a few minutes 84 persons had taken their seats at the long table, which bore decorations of plate, crystal, and flowers in rich abundance. The *Dato Mentri* was on the Sultan's right hand, and Mr. C. Stirling on his left; these three and *Dato Mullah Hile* were the only speakers in the after proceedings. The principal speech was that of the *Dato Mentri*, it forming an eloquent national tribute of respect and good wishes. It was unfortunately unfortunately interrupted by a coughing fit, and indeed barely intelligible, probably to any foreigner present. It was liberally punctuated with applause, and was concluded with three hearty cheers. The Sultan's reply was very brief, except for unusual praises between the sentences; he said all that was appropriate to the occasion, and bade everyone welcome once again to the guests from Singapore. Mr. Stirling acknowledged the kindness and hospitality of His Highness and, on behalf of the Europeans present, added congratulations to those already expressed on this anniversary. *Dato Hile* spoke in a very similar strain, but more especially on behalf of the European officials of the Johore Government. The Johore Military Band played during the dinner which lasted two hours and a half. Coffee and cigars and, later on, the approved "stengahs" were enjoyed in the open hall of the ground-floor, and the party dispersed shortly after eleven o'clock.

Yesterday morning, an investiture of the Most Honourable Order of the Crown of Johore was held in the Palace at ten o'clock, and invitations to attend were kindly extended to many of the previous evening's guests. Such a function is, of necessity, an imposing one, and indeed barely sufficient to calculate to impress the unadorned spectator as pleasingly almost as it did the proud recipients of ribbons and stars, and the equally gratified worthies who obtained their "removes" from the second class to the first.

A large throng met at the Johore Club at one o'clock to confute the day's festivities; and another large banquet took place at the Rest House last night. The officers of the Government then entertained between eighty and ninety persons in commemoration of the Sultan's birthday, and did the thing—no small undertaking it must be remembered—in the very best style, with few appropriate speeches followed, and the breaking-up of the proceedings came, all too soon for many. But there remained for not a few of the party the long drive back into Singapore, and the hour was already late. Johore hospitality is proverbial with those who know it best; its latest manifestation will extend its reputation far afield.

We have purposely avoided a recapitulation of names at every turn. Many were concerned in the arrangements beforehand, and in their entirely successful carrying out. It is impossible to set down all of these in the order of merit, decided by hard work and results, as it is to set down the names of the guests who were invited. Every possible attention and kindness was shown to our representative, and we believe to every other person invited and present. It is therefore our best course to tender general thanks for personal courtesies, and hearty congratulations and good wishes to His Highness the Sultan.—*Strait Times*.

A PROCLAMATION BY YIMAN TZU.

Yimian Tzu, the Szechuen insurgent, has issued a proclamation, which is strongly anti-foreign in tone. He holds the foreigners responsible for all China's troubles, both moral and political. Having taken Shanghai (1) they have stolen land at Kiaochow and in other places, and they are anxious for the division of China among themselves. The people are exhorted to adhere to their ancient religion, to go peacefully about their occupations, and not to interfere with the operations of Yü and his men. Summary punishment will be meted out to any who interfere with them. As foreigners only are the objectives of Yü's military expeditions he promises to respect the officials on condition that they do not interfere with him in any way; but should they be forced by foreign pressure to take up arms against him as a rebel, then he will regard them as foreigners also. To Chinese Christians he holds out the inducement of a pardon on payment of a fixed sum and renunciation of their faith. He solicits aid in money, men, or kind of all who sympathize with him. He signs the document as "The Heroic One."—*Harbinger*.

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

In submitting the Honorary Treasurer's accounts, the Stewards regret that the result of the year's working is not more satisfactory from a financial point of view.

Gymkhana have been held on the Race Course during the summer and have been well attended. The Race Course, Stands and Compound were thrown open to the public on the occasion of Her Majesty's Birthday Review which took place on the Happy Valley Parade Ground on the 24th of May last. The Course and several buildings are in good order.

T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, 23rd September, 1898.

THE MESTIZOS OF THE PHILIPPINES.

It is a great physiological fact that when people of one nation are thrown into constant contact with those of another each is apt to contract all the vices of the other without any of the redeeming qualities. And this is much more so with the lower classes. And it is in these great abjecting ports, therefore, that all the worst specimens of the natives of a country are to be found. Liverpool, New York, and Marseilles are cases in point, not to mention that great dumping ground of rascaldom—Port Said. And, as we have said, promiscuous relation is the sole cause of it.

This same physiological principle is observed in the half-breeds. They seem to inherit all the bad, without any of the good qualities, both from the paternal and maternal sides. And in the Philippine the best illustration is to be met with. Unguarded, treacherous and bloodthirsty, full of braggadocio and vindictiveness—for these latter qualities he has to thank his father—here we have the outcome of the Spanish cum Indian blend—the would-be ruler of the Philippines.

Unlike some missionaries, the Manila clergy look with the greatest favour upon mixed marriages, so much so that more than a decade of years ago they succeeded in obtaining from the Madrid Government the bestowal of special promotions upon officers of the army and navy who had married native women. And the result is that there is in Manila at the present day a great number of *mestizos* who form a distinct community—socially ostracised by the Spaniards on the one hand, and utterly despised on the other by the full-blooded natives. Disfranchised with their social disabilities they are ever in a state of unrest and longing that they may be able to obtain Government jobs for all the education they possess—they are mostly lawyers and doctors—they are ever plotting and scheming against the powers that be. Of course this is ancient history but as it has a great bearing upon the present state of relations between the Americans and the Aguinaldo's gang of *mestizos*, the world at large should know that these *mestizos* have not the slightest grievance against the Spanish government and that they have had a fair share in the government of the Philippines. So much so that the case that an English newspaper correspondent after having visited all the Manila public departments and seen the positions occupied by the *mestizos* there, simply exclaimed "Why, what have they to complain of if they seem to run the whole show here?"

The real grievance of the natives of the Philippines, like the Emerald Isle, of an agrarian nature; with this difference, however, that the evil of rack rent is not coupled with that of absenteeism. On the contrary, they complain that their landlords—the filars—are too much among themselves for their good. But with this grievance of the country farmers the *mestizos* of the Aguinaldo's ilk are not affected in the least but they nevertheless espouse their cause as demagogues do elsewhere for political ends. The origin of all the trouble in Manila must be attributed to the insatiable thirst for power on the part of the *mestizos*. And the Spanish Government must come in for a good share of blame for having educated this people above their station in life for it is a fact that the *Mestizo* University has been turning out hundreds upon hundreds of lawyers and doctors. But above all the filars are most to blame for favouring mixed marriages and for affording the *mestizos* with a *chance de bataille* by exacting rack rent from the poor farmers.

NOTANDA.

CALENDAR.

Metereological means based on ten years' observations to 1893.

Barometer 29.818
Thermometer 80.1
Humidity 77
Rainfall 8.58

TO-DAY.

WEATHER REPORT. On date at On date at

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TO-DAY.

Monday, 26th September, 1898. (St. Cyrilian).

Chinese—11th of 8th moon of 84th year of Kwong-shi.

High water—Morning 6hr. 19mins.
Afternoon 7hr. 58mins.

Low water—Morning 6hr. 19mins.
Afternoon 7hr. 58mins.

ANNIVERSARIES.

1834—Lord Napier arrived at Macao dangerously ill.

1841—Transport *Narbhada* wrecked on the coast of Formosa.

1881—Typhoon on the coast of southern Japan, in which the British steamer *Ark*, then on one day out from Nagasaki, on her passage to Shanghai, is supposed to have foundered, with twenty-six Europeans and several natives on board.

TO-MORROW.

Tuesday, 27th September, 1898.

Chinese—12th of 8th moon of 84th year of Kwong-shi.

High water—Morning 6hr. 19mins.
Afternoon 7hr. 58mins.

Low water—Morning 6hr. 19mins.
Afternoon 7hr. 58mins.

ANNIVERSARIES.

1795—George Cruikshank born.

1840—Commissioner Lin degraded.

1851—Treaty of Commerce between England and Belgium.

1875—The American dollar assayed by the Chinese Government.

1888—Destructive typhoon in the China Sea, south of Hongkong.

1892—British barque *Marion* lost on Craigie Island, Rees.

1894—Death of Dr. Raimund, R.C. Vicar Apostolic of Hongkong, Japan, and Formosa.

1894—Steamer *Yodogawa Maru* wrecked near Hakodate.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE:

French (*Sydney*) to-morrow.
English (*Parramatta*) 30th inst.
Australian (*Changsha*) 30th inst.
Indian (*Lightning*) 30th inst.
American (*Bible*) 1st prox.
Canadian (*Empress of China*) 4th prox.
American (*Glengyle*) 11th prox.
Tacoma (*Olympic*) 11th prox.
American (*Coptic*) 14th prox.

THE P. & O. Co.'s steamer *Parramatta* with the outward English mails, left Singapore for this port at 3 p.m. yesterday, the 25th, and is due here on the 30th inst. at about 8 a.m.

THE Nippon Yusen Kaisha's steamer *Mitsushima* (Bombay Line) left Kobe for this port at noon on Saturday, the 24th inst., and is expected to arrive here on the 2nd prox.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK RETURNS.

<i>Isidoro Pons</i>	at Kowloon Dock.
<i>Ningchow</i>	" "
<i>Atlantic</i>	" "
<i>Michael Tabor</i>	" "
<i>Imperialist</i> (H.M.S.).....	" "
<i>Deucalion</i>	" "
<i>Sullberg</i>	" "
<i>Pronto</i>	" "
<i>Formosa</i>	" "

OUTWARD—*Bendish*, *Strathmore*, *Candia*, *India* Sept. 22nd; *Sargapora* 6th; *Calcutta*, *Bombay*, *Cholon* 9th; *Shaw* 13th; *Yawa*, *Myanmar*, *Pyin*, *Maung* 16th; *Hylon*, *Glenarley*, *Bombay*, *Falloon* 18th; *St. Olaf* 20th.

HOMEWARD—*Ernest Simons*, *Peking*, *Yam*, *Fortuna* Sept. 20th.

Intimations.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above COMPANY will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES TO-MORROW, the 27th September, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year 1897.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to 27th Sept., both days inclusive.

DOUGLAS LARRAIK & CO., General Managers.
Hongkong, 26th September, 1898. [1078]

HONGKONG FOOTBALL CLUB.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held on THURSDAY, the 29th instant, at 5 P.M., in the CRICKET PAVILION, immediately after which an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held for the purpose of altering Rule 3.

Present alteration of Rule 3. Five of Committee shall form a quorum.

Proposed Alteration Rule 3. Three of the Committee shall form a quorum.

F. BROWN, Hon. Sec.
Hongkong, 22nd September, 1898. [1131]

THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the COMPANY'S HOTEL, on THURSDAY, the 6th day of October, 1898, at Noon, when the SUBJOINED RESOLUTION which was passed at the EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the Company held on the 15th instant will be submitted for confirmation as a SPECIAL RESOLUTION.

"That a BONUS OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS be hereby voted to each of the three existing Directors, or the sum of SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS in all, out of the profits of the Company during the past half year, as some recognition by the Shareholders of the successful exertions of the Directors in placing the concern once more on a 'dividend paying basis'."

Dated the 16th day of September, 1898.

C. MOONEY, Secretary.

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY SECOND ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, Victoria, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 12th October proximo, at Twelve o'clock, NOON, for the purpose of presenting the report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to 30th April last and of Declaring Dividends. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 28th instant to the 12th October proximo, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

W. H. RAY, Secretary.

Hongkong, 19th September, 1898. [1120]

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the TWENTY FIFTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, No. 4, The Arcade, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 20th October, 1898, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the report of the Directors together with Statements of Accounts for the year 1897 and for the half year ending the 30th June 1898, and of declaring dividends. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from the 10th to the 20th October, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board.

W. J. SAUNDERS, Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 21st September, 1898. [1132]

CORRESPONDENCE CARDS AND ENVELOPES.

I HAVE a very fine Selection of Goodall's gilt edged CORRESPONDENCE CARDS, in various tints with ENVELOPES to match and I am now offering the same at below cost price.

An inspection of the stock is cordially invited. The maker's name is a guarantee for the quality of the goods.

H. RUTTONJEE,

13 & 15, D'Aguiar Street, Hongkong, and at 22, Elgin Road, Kowloon.

Hongkong, 19th September, 1898. [1119]

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, at the Residence of Mr. J. LAMKE, Elliot Crescent, Robinson Road, ON THURSDAY, the 20th September, 1898, Commencing at 2.30 P.M.

THE WHOLE OF THE VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

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